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Adult Flu Clinics for Medicaid and Medicare Recipients

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District is holding Adult Seasonal Flu Clinics October 6th and 7th

Champaign, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) is holding adult (18 years-of-age and older) seasonal flu vaccination clinics next week on Wednesday, October 6th and Thursday, October 7th. CUPHD will accept Medicaid, Medicare, Visa, Master Card, check, or cash. Private health insurance is not accepted and those individuals are encouraged to check with their healthcare provider for scheduled clinics. Anyone wishing to pay for the vaccination during a CUPHD clinic, the cost will be \$35.00 for influenza and \$55.00 for pneumonia. Clinics for children who qualify for the Vaccine for Children Program (VCP) will be held later in the month once vaccine arrives.

Each year, CUPHD utilizes flu vaccination clinics as emergency mass vaccination preparedness. This year, flu vaccine will be distributed from multiple sites as a component of the drill; Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul, and Tolono. Tolono will be a drive-thru clinic; all other clinics will be walk-in. Flu clinics will be held at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, October 6th

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tolono West Fire Department (Drive-thru)

102 West Linden

Tolono

Rantoul Recreation Department

100 East Flessner

Rantoul

Wednesday, October 6th continued
Hayes Center
1311 West Church Street
Champaign

Phillips Recreation Center
505 West Stoughton Street
Urbana

Thursday, October 7th
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
CUPHD
201 West Kenyon Road
Champaign

“The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get a flu vaccination each year and this year’s vaccination includes H1N1 in addition to influenza A/H3N2 and influenza B,” said Julie A. Pryde, CUPHD Administrator. “It takes about two weeks for your body to develop antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus. The flu season can begin as early as October and can last as late as May.”

The flu vaccine contains “killed virus” so people cannot get sick with the flu from taking a flu shot; however, different side effects can be associated with the flu shot. Some minor side effects could include soreness, redness, or swelling at the inoculation site, low-grade fever, or body aches. If these problems occur, they will begin soon after the shot, and usually last 1 to 2 days. On rare occasions, flu vaccine can cause severe allergic reactions, and is not recommended for people who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs, or who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccination in the past. People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should not be vaccinated until their symptoms lessen.

Additional influenza planning resources and information are available at www.stock2forflu.com and www.c-uphd.org.

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